

MOLONEY AFTER THE TRUST

Illinois Attorney General Attacks the Illinois Steel Company

COMPANY'S OFFICERS NOT FRIGHTENED

President Says There Is Nothing In the Charges on Which Quo Warranto Proceedings

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Attorney General Mclellany will tomorrow begin quo warranto proceedings under the anti-trust law in the circuit court at Chicago against the Illinois Steel company, on the ground that in consolidating with the Joliet Steel company it overreached its corporate power. The Illinois Steel company was incorporated in 1889 with a capital stock of \$25,000,000, which has since been increased to \$50,000,000. It has extensive plants in Chicago, South Chicago, Joliet and Milwaukee.

John W. Gates, president of the Illinois Steel company, said, concerning the attorney general's charges: "There is not anything in it. There is no telling what the attorney general will do, but there is nothing in the charges."

The company is in consolidating with the Joliet Steel company in its various real estate transactions and in doing the various other things which the attorney general says should not have done, the Illinois Steel company has real-estate nothing which would give reason for the revocation of its

have had the best of legal advice in the country in all our business transactions and the affairs of Mr. Moloney or anything he may do."

Quo warranto proceedings will be begun at the same time against the Joliet Steel Company, a corporation having no charter because that company has been merged into the Illinois Steel company and has ceased to exercise corporate functions. The Joliet Steel company is a company that the Illinois Steel company is increasing its capital stock to \$50,000,000, and in issuing shares of stock in excess of the combined capital of the two companies. The Illinois Steel company has acted without warrant or authority of law.

The purchase of all the stock and property of the Joliet Steel company, the attorney general claims, is without warrant of law and an usurpation on the part of the Illinois Steel company.

to deal in real estate, it has purchased real estate located in Illinois and elsewhere, and it has been in the habit of holding in its own name the title to the real estate sold in pursuance of that necessary for the legitimate corporate purposes of the company is usurpation. The attorney general asks that the Illinois Steel company be required to show by what warrant it has assumed to exercise the powers and privileges and to show cause why its charter as a corporation should not be annulled.

The information in the case of the Joliet Steel company is on the same lines with that of the Illinois Steel company.

CONDEMNATION IS ABSOLUTE.

Catholics May Not Belong to Secret Societies.—The following is the text of a circular letter from the Holy See, dated at Rome, Jan. 24, 1904:—A special to the Travellers from Rome, dated Jan. 24, 1904, reads:

Knights of Pythias, Sons of Temperance and Odd Fellows is absolute and offers no further discussion. This is the mandate of the pope through his official representative, Cardinal Satoll. The three orders named have a Roman Catholic membership in round num-

Pythian organization organized a committee of appeal in the hope that a proper presenta-

invitations, the committee received 1,000 letters from prominent Catholics in all parts of the country, heartily endorsing the movement and pledging moral and financial aid. In reply to the request to adjourn a day for hearing a representative committee of the matter, Cardinal Satolli replied to the committee's secretary:

"Dear Sir: I have received your letter of January 20 and in reply I would say that the matter of the condemned society is entirely outside of my jurisdiction. I have no voice in Rome was that the condemnation is absolute and admits of no further discussion. It was, however, provided that if there seemed to be particular reasons for making exceptions

diocese. If you have anything to submit in the matter, it must all be done through your archbishop. With sentiments of respect, I remain, most faithfully, yours in Christ,
"FRANCIS, CARDINAL SATOLLI.
"Delegate Apostolic."

Issued from Terre Haute by the Officers of the Committee.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 24.—The following is a synopsis of the call of the people's party for the national convention of the party, which meets in St. Louis July 22.

The members of the people's party and all others who favor its principles are invited to assemble in their various states and ter-

mitted in each state shall determine. Each state is given one delegate for each senator and congressman and one delegate additional for each 2,000 votes cast for the populist candidates in 1892, 1893 or 1894, the highest vote controlling. The convention is for the purpose of adopting a platform and

Taubeneck, chairman, J. H. Turner, secretary, L. J. McPharlin, and M. C. Rankin, treasurer.

Chairman Taubeneck received a message today from Washington stating the advocates of free silver coinage had decided to hold the national convention in St. Louis July 22.

Admiring Republican Friends Boom Him for High Honors.
DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 24.—The seventh annual banquet of the Alger Republican club was given at the Russel house last night.

response to the toast "Our Foreign Relations," by ex-Senator Warner Miller of New York. After referring to the fact that he had "fallen outside of the breastworks" in 1888, Mr. Miller said that he would not deny that he had recently been in Chicago for the

the ex-senator criticised the policy of the administration regarding Hawaii, Samoa and Nicaragua, and predicted that the next administration would hoist and maintain the American flag in Hawaii. The country endorsed the president's Venezuelan message, yet it might have been framed so as to avoid

On the Ocean Nearly a Year.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The American ship, *Benches*, Captain Joseph Hamilton

reached port, after a season of disaster and delay. Three of her original crew were lost in the Atlantic and sixteen were left in the hospital at Rio Janeiro.